

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 10, 2006. Claims 102 to 128 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and claim 99 has been amended herein. Claims 3 to 8, 11, 54 to 67 and 99 to 101 remain in the application, of which claims 54 and 99 are the independent claims.

Initially, the Examiner's indication that claims 3 to 8, 11, 54 to 67 and 99 to 101 are allowed is acknowledged with appreciation. Although claim 99 has been amended to correct a minor editorial error, the correction is believed to be insubstantial and is thus not seen to affect allowability of the claims.

In the Office Action, claims 102 to 128 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,661,918 ("Gordon"). As noted above, claims 102 to 128 have been cancelled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection, as moot, and passage to issue for all remaining claims are respectfully requested.

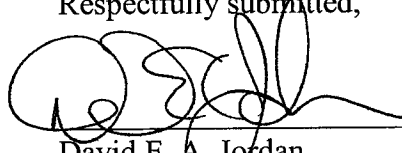
No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance and such action is courteously solicited.

Fees in the amount of \$510.00 for the three-month Petition for Extension of Time are being paid herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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